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# **PROCLAMATION**

# **RE: SHELLFISH POLLUTED AREA**

Stephen W. Murphey, Director, Division of Marine Fisheries, upon the recommendation of Betsey Tilson, M.D., M.P.H., State Health Director, Department of Health and Human Services, hereby announces that the following change in a shellfish harvesting area will take effect at sunrise, Friday, March 20, 2020.

All those waters in Carteret County will return to the status in existence immediately prior to the February 21, and March 6, 2020, temporary closures, and as described in PA-PC-2020.

# The following remains closed:

# **BRUNSWICK / NEW HANOVER COUNTIES**

All those waters between the permanent closure line near IWW Marker "89" in Ocean Isle, and the South Carolina State Line, to include the Tubbs Inlet area.

Lockwoods Folly River - All those waters north of a line beginning at a point 33° 55.5678′ N - 78° 13.8043′ W on the south shore of Spring Creek near the mouth; running easterly to a point 33° 55.4621'N - 78° 13.1714' W near the northern tip of Sheep Island; thence running southeasterly to a point 33° 55.2284'N - 78° 12.7791' W near the northwest point of Horse Island, to include a portion of the Intracoastal Waterway north of Horse and Sheep Islands.

All those waters in Back Channel near Money Point within 250 yards of the dredge spoil discharge pipe, bounded by a line beginning at a point 34° 12.0275′ N - 77° 49.2434′ W, running southwesterly across the channel to a point 34° 11.9910' N - 77° 49.2549' W and continuing to the northwest corner of US Army Corps of Engineers Spoil Island #251, thence running easterly to a point in the marsh at 34° 11.8291' N - 77° 48.9775' W, thence running northerly across the channel to a point 34° 12.0861′ N - 77° 48.9214′ W.

## **GENERAL INFORMATION:**

- A. This proclamation is issued under the authority of N.C.G.S. 113-170.4; 113-170.5; 113-182; 113-221.1; 143B-289.52 and N.C. Marine Fisheries Commission Rules 15A NCAC 03H .0103 and 03K .0101.
- B. It is unlawful to violate the provisions of any proclamation issued by the N.C. Fisheries Director under his delegated authority pursuant to N.C. Marine Fisheries Commission Rule 15A NCAC 03H .0103.
- C. In accordance with N.C. General Statute 113-221.1(c) all persons who may be affected by proclamations issued by the Fisheries Director are under a duty to keep themselves informed of current proclamations.
- D. This proclamation returns the following area to normal closure boundaries: Newport River.

E. This reopening is due to satisfactory bacteriological sampling results.

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